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5 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
6 **FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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8 NORTHEAST PROPERTIES, LLC,)

9 Plaintiff,)

10 vs.)

11 CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY,)
12 DANA SAWYERS, and COMMERCE)
13 LAND TITLE, INC.,)

Defendants.)
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CASE NO. 11-cv-1194 –BAM

**ORDER DIRECTING DEFENDANTS
TO SUBMIT CONSENT FORM**

14 On November 23, 2011, Plaintiff Northeast Properties, LLC filed a consent to jurisdiction of the
15 United States Magistrate Judge Barbara A. McAuliffe. Defendants, having only recently been served
16 or answered, have not yet affirmatively indicated whether they consent to or decline magistrate judge
17 jurisdiction. Accordingly, Defendants Chicago Title Company, Commerce Land Title Inc., and Dana
18 Sawyers are ORDERED to indicate whether they consent to or decline the jurisdiction of the U.S.
19 Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636 (C) by completing and filing the consent form attached
20 at Docket Entry 9 with the Clerk's Office **WITHIN 5 DAYS OF THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER.**

21 Due to the overwhelming caseload already assigned to the two U.S. District Judges in this
22 division—more than twice the national average for District Judges—Defendants are strongly encouraged
23 to consider consenting to the jurisdiction of the U.S. Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(C)
24 for all purposes including trial and entry of Judgment. Consent to a Magistrate Judge does not, in any
25 way, affect a party's legal rights, including the right to a jury trial. Defendants are advised that there will
26 be no adverse substantive consequences if they choose not to consent as provided by FED.R.CIV.P.
27 73(b)(2).

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Upon receipt of Defendants' acceptance or declination of Magistrate Judge jurisdiction, the case will be assigned to U.S. Magistrate Judge Barbara A. McAuliffe or reassigned to a U.S. District Judge. After reassignment, motions may be rescheduled in the discretion of the judge permanently assigned.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 27, 2012

/s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE